

Environment Committee:

I am writing in regard to the above referenced bill and am proposing that the language of the bill include a declaration that running bamboo is a nuisance and should not be allowed to exist within a forty foot buffer zone by the property boundary.

It is becoming increasingly clear that running bamboo is an uncontrollable plant that will invade adjacent properties. While I respect the property rights of a neighbor, it is important that my property rights be respected as well. Running bamboo can be destructive and will alter both the beauty and utility of one's yard. My neighbor has running bamboo on the property that is now up to my boundary. It is multiplying rapidly, has penetrated asphalt, and has grown to a fifteen foot height. Each spring, there are more shoots growing along the driveway.

I urge the Environment Committee to act on this matter by strengthening SB 72. Specifically, the language of the bill should declare that no homeowner may allow running bamboo or bamboo rhizomes to exist within forty feet of a property boundary. The act as written is well intended but does not go far enough. By declaring a forty foot setback, this committee can enable adjacent homeowners to better protect themselves from this ever invading plant.

Thank You.

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